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TO: WASHG (FOR WHITING)

CITE: ROME (FROM [])

BGFIEND

1. PHILLIP J. ENDICOTT ASKED ME TO CALL 28 SEPTEMBER. HE WISHED TO DISCUSS PIXIELAND AND GAVE ME CERTAIN BITS UNIMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ARRIVAL ULCER MINISTER THERE. HE THEN TRIED TO PUMP ME ON VARIOUS OPERATIONS HERE AND FROM HIS QUESTIONS IT BECAME QUITE OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS WELL INFORMED ON RECRUITING CAMPAIGN, MOVEMENTS PIXIES TO MALTA AND THEIR TRAINING THERE. HE QUESTIONED ME REGARDING FUTURE OPERATIONS AND OUR INTERESTS THEREIN. I ASSUMED COMPLETE IGNORANCE AND LET HIM DO TALKING. ACCORDING HIS INFORMATION PAST RECRUITING HERE HAS BEEN CARRIED ON BY BRITISH AND JEROME CONSTANTINE WHOM HE SAID HAD COLLABORATED WITH YUGOSLAVS AND THEREFORE WAS UNDER SUSPICION BY ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE. HE ALSO STATED THAT ACCORDING FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMATION CHANTILLY'S BROTHER HAD FORMED ALBANIAN COMMITTEE IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE MENTIONED [] NAME ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS AS MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTER IN RECRUITING CAMPAIGN. HE ASSUMED THIS WAS BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OPERATION UNKNOWN TO BRITISH EMBASSY HERE. HE WAS OSTENSIBLY UNAWARE [] OR [] ACTIVITIES. HE WAS FULLY ADVISED OF MOVEMENTS OF ALL PRINCIPAL PIXIES TO OR FROM ITALY.

2. I AGAIN REQUESTED HIM TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE VISA JEROME CONSTANTINE WHO IS AT PRESENT MALTA ON EXCUSE PIXIE LEADERS COMING TO ROME WANTED TO SEE HIM. HE AGREED TO THIS IMMEDIATELY INDICATING THAT DELAYS THUS FAR HAD BEEN CAUSED BY THEIR SUSPICIONS CONSTANTINE.

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3. THERE IS NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER IN MY MIND THAT ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HERE ARE WELL AWARE OF BGFIEND. I DO NOT FOR ONE MINUTE BELIEVE THAT [] OR ANY OF YOUR PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THIS OPERATION HAVE BEEN LAX IN SECURITY BUT FEEL THAT WHEN YOU DEALING WITH PIXIES WHOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND CIRCLES ARE COMPLETELY INFILTRATED BY ITALIANS YOU RUN GREAT SECURITY RISK.

4. AS YOU AWARE IRO MAKING PLANS SEND LARGE GROUP PIXIES AUSTRALIA IN NEAR FUTURE. THOMAS B. FAIRLESS HAS BEEN APPROACHED WITH VIEW DELAYING DEPARTURE. HE MOST COOPERATIVE AND DISCREET BUT THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY LIMITATION IN MY PRESSURE ON HIM TO HOLD THESE PIXIES HERE. HE, EX-INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IS NATURALLY SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS OF MY INTEREST THIS GROUP. BECAUSE TRAVEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE HE SAYS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD ENTIRE GROUP BUT THAT HE MAY BE ABLE PLACE CERTAIN SELECTED INDIVIDUALS AT BOTTOM LIST.

5. [] WHO PASSED THROUGH ROME SEVERAL DAYS AGO ADVISED ME STATE DEPT REPRESENTATIVES HAD DECIDED TO DROP PROJECT FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE OF YUGOSLAV CONSIDERATIONS. HE SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT NO EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE OUST NELSON J. MURAT AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON TO LET PIXIELAND STEW IN ITS OWN JUICE. [] STATES THAT PROJECT WOULD CONTINUE AS PLANNED, WITH CLEARANCE WITH STATE AND JCS PRIOR TO BEGINNING EACH SUCCESSIVE PHASE.

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